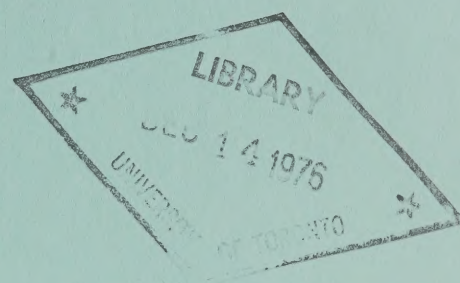


ONTARIO COUNCIL ON UNIVERSITY AFFAIRS

OPEN MEETING WITH THE ONTARIO INSTITUTE FOR STUDIES IN EDUCATION

MAY 9, 1975

<u>INDEX</u>	<u>ITEM</u>
5-0107	Location, Time
5-0108	Attendance
5-0109	Opening Remarks
5-0110	Financial Outlook
5-0111	Student Support
5-0112	System-Wide Testing
5-0113	Supplementary Support



ONTARIO COUNCIL ON UNIVERSITY AFFAIRS

MINUTES

5-0107 MEETING

OPEN MEETING WITH THE ONTARIO INSTITUTE FOR STUDIES IN EDUCATION

LOCATION

University of Toronto

DATE AND TIME

May 9, 1975
10:00 a.m.

5-0108 PRESENT

OCUA MEMBERS

J. S. Dupré

W. E. Bagnall

L. Good

M. A. Bush

W. A. Goyan

J. J. Deutsch

R. P. Riggan

A. D'Iorio

H. H. Walker

P. D. Fleck

J. R. Yarnell

OCUA STAFF

J. P. Venton
Executive Secretary

N. E. Simmons
Associate Secretary

MCU (Observer)

B. A. Wilson
Assistant Deputy Minister

OISE DELEGATION

Dr. R. H. Farquhar
Assist. Director of OISE
and leader of the OISE delegation

Prof. C. Beck
Chairman, Executive Committee
of the Institute Assembly

Mr. R. Buckley
Superintendent of Finance

Prof. D. Burrill
Chairman, Graduate Studies
Standing Committee

Mrs. D. Dudley
Administrative Assistant to the
Assistant Director

Prof. C. C. Pitt
Director-designate

Prof. I. Winchester
Speaker, Institute Assembly

Prof. S. Lawton
Assistant to the Coordinator
of Graduate Studies

Mrs. I. Roncari
Student Representative of the
Institute Assembly on the
Director's Administrative
Advisory Council

5-0109 OPENING REMARKS

The delegation reviewed supplementary material distributed at the meeting which dealt with a summary of revenue and expenditures, 1971-72 to 1975-76, funded staff positions for the same period, enrolment and BIUs, 1971-72 to 1977-78 and average student financial awards. During the review it was noted that the OISE Board had taken the firm position that by 1976-77 the Institute must confine its expenses within its revenues. For the last three years OISE was reported to have been reducing its level of services and although there had been no significant changes in the numbers of academic and professional staff, the non-academic staff complement had been depleted by approximately 20% over the period.

The delegation also noted its intention to make application for a supplementary grant related to OISE's emerging size and the losses the Institute suffered as a result of the introduction of slip year financing.

5-0110 FINANCIAL OUTLOOK

OISE's dual role of teaching and applied research and development was discussed at length. The Ministry of Education provided just under 1/3 of OISE's operating revenue (\$2.25 million) in support of the latter. However, approximately 40% of the Institute's operating expenditures could be assigned to the applied research and development function and, hence, it could be argued that the Ministry of Colleges and Universities was subsidizing the Ministry of Education programme. OISE had received assurance from the Ministry of Education this year that its grant would, in future, be reviewed yearly in light of prevailing economic circumstances. Of special concern to OISE was the retention of talented faculty in a situation where applied research and development was being cut back. The delegation pointed out the BIU:FTE faculty ratio at OISE was approximately 12% higher than elsewhere in the system and that more qualified applicants were being turned away from the first year programme than were being accepted. Canadian students unable to gain admittance to OISE were reported to usually take graduate instruction in the USA.

With regard to OISE's request for weight increases it was stressed that the most popular specialties among students were also the most expensive to mount. Under the current weighting scheme increased enrolment would not generate adequate funds to expand certain programmes to accommodate demand. The delegation agreed to provide a costing exercise on the various programmes in question in support of the weight increase request.

5-0111 STUDENT SUPPORT

Approximately 25 students at OISE were reported to hold Ontario Graduate Scholarships, although the Institute was not guaranteed the usual 10 institutional awards. Historically, when OISE students became eligible for OGS's, the Institute had ceased to receive an annual MCU Fellowship grant of \$130,000. Total support awarded to OISE students through the OGS programme for 1974-75 was \$75,000.

5-0112 SYSTEM-WIDE TESTING

In a discussion of the advantages and disadvantages of system-wide testing and the history of such testing in the Province it was noted that the question of whether one can forecast student capability for success in a given field had not yet been satisfactorily answered. On an informal level OISE was involved in discussing criteria for admission both internally and with the universities, and although interest existed at OISE in the development of system wide-tests, no funding or staff support was available for this purpose at present.

5-0113 SUPPLEMENTARY SUPPORT

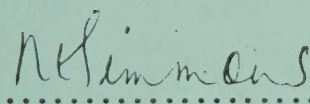
The delegation identified two criteria which it felt would support its request for supplementary funding. First, it was considerably smaller than the 4,000 to 5,000 students formerly considered the minimum viable size of an undergraduate institution. Although OISE was a purely graduate institution, the delegation felt that this viable size criterion was applicable in that it reflected common administrative necessities and

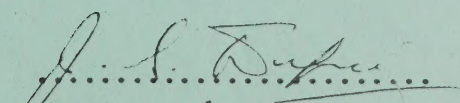
costs. The delegation was unable to forecast a threshold size at which the Institute would become viable.

The second criterion noted for supplementary support was OISE's unique educational role and its responsibility to provide its services on a province-wide basis. While planning of the five defined functions of OISE was carried out at staggered intervals, plans for the development of the Institute as a whole had not been undertaken.

The delegation stressed that if OISE were not to receive additional support it would, in the near future, be forced to abandon its applied research and development function resulting in a radical change to the Institute's nature and quality.

The Chairman reviewed Council's bases for supplementary support as described in Advisory Memorandum 74-II and noted that requests for weight changes were considered a matter of formula revision. As well he noted that it was unlikely that an institutional objective funded by another Ministry could be used as an argument for supplementary support from the Ministry of Colleges and Universities..


.....
N. E. Simmons
Associate Secretary


.....
J. S. Dupré
Chairman

